FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street

Council Members Present:

Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles

Staff Present:

City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal

AGENDA	ACTION
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations	Mayor Bailey thanked all the volunteers for the city wide clean-Up day.
Public Comment T	Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:03 p.m.
	David Drake thanked the volunteers for their hard work and the City and Republic Services for making it happen. He noted the Republic Services people needed a city volunteer to help direct the drivers for smoother dumping. He stated he would do some measuring at the mill lot to transition to the west to allow for future clean ups.
	Laura Britton asked if the electricity could get fixed at the lower park in time for Summer Celebration on Saturday July 6 th .
	Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:08 p.m.
Consent Agenda a) May 6, 2024 Minutes	It was moved by Councilor Backus to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor LJ Sickles and CARRIED with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors
	Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.
Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members	
a) Mayor's Report	Mayor Bailey reported his summer would consist of skate park work including finding a grant a and a town hall meeting.
b) Councilor Comments	Council President Houghtaling stated the Historic Landmark Committee would meet on Monday, June 24 at 5:30 pm to get started on the grant work.

Mr. Foscoli noted he would move the Council Meeting for the supplementals to Monday, June 24 at 5 pm.

Council President Houghtaling also thanked everyone that helped with the clean-up.

Councilor D Sickles noted there were many school events happening in June including the kindergarten graduation, the 8th grade recognition, the senior parage on Wednesday and graduation on Friday at the new gym.

Councilor Jirovec reported that Thrives hired a lawn service for the LCB and they had a meeting next week. She suggested maybe some changes to landscape, but they were waiting for the coffee guy and decided to move forward. She noted the Health Committee would meet next week with an update on the resource center. She advised she was working on a survey for events at the LCB. She asked if the City had a list of providers for yard work and handyman services.

Councilor D Sickles asked about the town entrance sign. Mayor Bailey stated he would like to put a new coat of paint. Mr. Teal noted that Ben Martinez has asked to give the log a nice stone frame.

c) Public Works Committee Report

There was no comments.

Reports from City Manager & Staff

a) Fire Report

Council Jirovec asked about wildfire season and escape routes. Mr. Foscoli noted that the emergency routes were agreed upon and some liability routes could be worked on.

Councilor Jirovec asked if Everbridge would be a a viable assistance. Council President Houghtaling noted that was through the Polk County Sheriff.

b) City Manager's Report

Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater treatment plant, Community Resource Center project, RARE application, the Falls City clean-up day, and code enforcement.

c) 2024-2025 Budget

Council President Houghtaling reported the communication with the school district from the city had been great.

Mr. Foscoli thanked the budget committee for their diligent work on the budget. He noted the changes had been made to the budget and are ready for approval. He mentioned page 32 had a quick overview summary of the budget.

Council President Houghtaling asked why the historic grant was not in budget. Councilor Jirovec stated she would note it and do a supplemental.

It was moved by Councilor Meier to approve the Tax Levy 24-25 Fiscal Year. The motion was duly seconded by Council President Houghtaling and carried with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling.

It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to approve the Fire Levy. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Jirovec and carried with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, U Sickles and Council President Houghtaling.

It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to approve the 2024-2025 Budget. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and carried with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LI Sickles and Council President Houghtaling.

It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve Resolution 10-2024. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and carried with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling.

Resolutions

Resolution 08-2024 – Dangerous Building 169 Ellis

Mr. Foscoli noted the Council had enacted a dangerous building process and he worked with Mr. Gilbert and this property stood out to the fire department due to the amount of debris on the property. He stated he brought this to Council to start the process.

Council President Houghtaling reported the Happy Dance was successful and thanked everyone who helped and attended. Councilor LJ Sickles reported the Falls City Summer Celebration would be Saturday July 6th. Mr. Foscoli recognized Mayor Bailey and Mr. Teal for leading by example while picking up loads around town for clean-up day. He noted their dedication to those in need and he was humbled by their example. Council President Houghtaling noted the time had come to discuss the Polk CDC defederalized funds. She mentioned the money was the City's, but Polk CDC manages it for us. She advised at this point the funds are debt to Polk CDC and the Council needs to decide what to do with the money. She stated the Council could decide to turn the funds over to Polk CDC and let them be the owner and the City would be in charge of how spent, or the City keep the money and manage it ourselves. Mr. Foscoli suggested getting some verbiage from Polk CDC for the next Council meeting. Adjourn There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Read and approved this 2024. Mayor: ATTEST: City Recorder: